

April 29, 2002

Dear Colleague:

I hope you share my excitement as we continue to implement the *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001. This comprehensive legislation presents great opportunities to improve the achievement of all students, specifically through standards and assessments.

Since January the Department of Education has been participating in negotiated rulemaking on standards and assessments. As the next step in this process, the Department will host five regional meetings to both educate members of the public on standards and assessments and to receive public comment on these proposed regulations. You may review the draft regulations on our website at www.ed.gov/nclb/rulemaking.

I hope you will be able to join us at one of the following locations to participate in these daylong events.

Monday, May 6, 2002

Cincinnati

Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport
1717 Airport Exchange Blvd.
Erlanger, KY

Monday, May 13, 2002

San Diego

The Westgate Hotel
1055 Second Ave.
San Diego, CA

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Atlanta

Sheraton Atlanta
165 Courtland St.
Atlanta, GA

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Little Rock

Doubletree Hotel Little Rock
424 West Markham
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, May 30, 2002 (newly added)

New York City Area

La Guardia Marriott
102-05 Ditmars Blvd.
East Elmhurst, NY

The morning session from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. will include presentations from experts and fellow educators who have successfully adopted strong standards and assessments systems in their communities. From 1:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. members of the public will have an opportunity to provide us with their comments on the proposed regulations for standards and assessments, which we will take into consideration as we finalize the regulations.

If you would like to learn more or would like to register to attend any one of these meetings, please visit: www.esilsg.org/Title_1. If you do not have internet access or if you have any questions, please respond by phone to Virginia Saxton at (202) 401-0113.

We intend to implement Title I programs in a manner that respects state and local control over education while promoting strong accountability. I hope you will take part in ensuring the successful implementation of these new measures.

Sincerely,

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Secondary Education